

## Year R Curriculum flyer

Welcome to our half-termly class information flyer. This is designed to give you information about your child's class and the activities and learning we will be getting up to over the next few weeks.

All the classes are named after endangered animals; Year R is Tiger Class. The Teaching assistants in Reception are Miss Bingham and Mrs Garner. Mrs Clark will take the class for Muddy Mondays.

This half term the children will be developing their understanding about themselves through our topic 'All about Me'. This will include learning about parts of the body, looking at differences and similarities between us, looking at different families, pets, favourite foods and houses we live in. We will also be looking at toys today and those in the past.

In Phonics we will be looking at rhyming words and orally segmenting words, then starting to learn to recognise and write initial sounds through The Monster Phonics programme.

Our literacy lessons will be based around 'Talk for Writing' using the story 'The Baby Mouse'. The main emphasis will be learning the story off by heart so that all children can retell the story verbally. We will then look at how we can change the story to create our own following the same style. We will be practising making up and retelling stories. We will practise holding a pencil correctly and writing our name.

In Maths we will be looking at counting, recognising, writing, and comparing numbers to 5. We shall also be looking at recognising basic 2D shapes, measures and collecting data.

In Expressive Arts we will be exploring body percussion, the different sounds percussion instruments make, singing songs, using a variety of media and storytelling.

We shall also be having an RE session each week. These sessions will allow the children to learn about different cultures, religions, and festivals to support their appreciation of the diverse world in which we live. Our theme this ½ term is 'Special stories'.

Please find attached the main objectives we will be covering during this topic. If you have any evidence to support what we are covering or anything you think is important for us to know in your child's development e.g., has just started to ride a 2 wheeled bike, please send us your evidence via Evidence Me. If you are new to Kimberley Primary, you should have received information via an email. These sometimes go to your clutter box and are under the company name '2 Simple'. Please let me know if you haven't received this.

## PE

We have PE timetabled on Thursday. Children should have their school PE kit and a pair of trainers in school all week. These items should be named.

Children are not allowed to wear jewellery for PE, and we do not allow earrings to be worn. If your child has their ears pierced, they must be able to remove these themselves or not wear earrings on PE days. We are not able to cover earrings with plasters.

PE kit can be purchased via [www.motifs.co.uk](http://www.motifs.co.uk) or by phoning 0115 871 8599



## Healthy eating

At Kimberley Primary School we promote healthy eating. For this reason, we like all children to have a water bottle (named). Please make sure that this is water and not squash; we will swap squash for water. Every child gets one piece of fruit and a cup of milk. Once your child turns 5, you will be sent an email asking whether you would like to continue with milk and how to do this.

## Homework

Reading – all children should be reading for at least 15 minutes per day at least 4 times a week. Children learn to read faster if they have an adult or a very competent reader listening to them. Please fill in your child's reading diary as a record as these are monitored in school.

Maths and English – phonic sounds (phonemes) and key words will be sent home weekly to practice (starting W/C 18/9), numbers/shapes to practise or other related maths skills will either be sent via Class Dojo or through a worksheet which can be completed to consolidate work covered in class. Please go through these with your child upon completion. These sheets can be kept at home.

There will also be three Family homework projects over the year.

### Library Book

The children will choose a library book from our school library every Thursday. Please have this in their bookbag on a Thursday so that they can change it.

### Fantasy Friday

On a Friday, your child is allowed to come to school in dressing up clothes to support them with creating stories and role play. This is **not** a non-school uniform day. If they choose not to dress up, then they need to be in school uniform. When choosing dressing up clothes please make sure your child has suitable footwear, and no jewellery.

### Muddy Monday

A new year of Muddy Monday sessions will begin once the children are settled. We shall let you know. We have waterproof trousers and coats for each child but if your child would prefer to wear their own, please bring them in a carrier bag with all items labelled.



### Family homework project

I would like you and your child to create a family box. You can include anything you think represents your family such as photographs, objects.

Please have this ready for the w/c 2nd October so that the children can share them as part of our PSHE lessons. The children really enjoy sharing these with their friends.

### Reception Expectations

If you haven't already done so, please refer to the PowerPoint on our class webpage.

(Information for new parents' folder) on our school website about what to expect in Tiger Class and how your child will be assessed at the end of the year.



### ClassDojo

This will be the main line of communication between us. I hope that you will find this useful to see what your child has been learning, sharing learning moments as well as a way of contacting me.

### Voluntary Contributions

Each week we provide a variety of resources to support the children with their learning. These include play dough, rice, pasta for fine motor activities and cornflakes, Weetabix for small world. To support us in providing these, we ask for a voluntary contribution of £1 per ½ term. If you can support us here, please send your contribution in a named envelope labelled 'Voluntary Contributions'.

Need to contact us? Please send me a message via the Class Dojo or using the email address below:

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